



Kentucky Board of Nursing

Programs of Nursing Update

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Students & Faculty Are Invited....

Dr. Beason wanted to extend an invitation to Programs of Nursing to have students attend either Board or Committee meetings. Dates for meetings the remainder of 2006 and 2007:

Board Meetings	Education Committee	Practice Committee	Consumer Protection Committee
Begins at 1 p.m. on Thursday & 9:00 a.m. on Fridays	Begins at 9:00 a.m.	Begins at 9:00 a.m.	Meets at 1 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oct. 19-20, 2006• Dec. 14-15• Feb. 22-23, 2007• April 19-20• June 14-15• Oct. 25-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nov. 16, 2006• Jan. 12, 2007• Mar. 16• May 11• Sept. 21• Nov. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nov. 16, 2006• Jan. 11, 2007• Mar. 15• May 10• Sept. 20• Nov. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nov. 16, 2006• Jan. 11, 2007• Mar. 15• May 10• Sept. 20• Nov. 8
<i>All meetings are held at the Board Office:</i> 312 Whittington Parkway, Suite 300, Louisville, KY 40222			

Practice Committee is to consider those matters related to the interpretation of the legal scope of nursing practice as defined by Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 314 and Board of Nursing administrative regulations. Committee deliberations may include review of other relevant statutes and regulations as necessary.

Education Committee is to consider those matters related to mandatory continuing education and prelicensure nursing education in the Commonwealth.

Consumer Protection Committee is to consider those matters relating to investigation and disciplinary processes and preparation of hearing panel members.

Our only request is that you let us know that you are coming, and the approximate number of students, so that we can be prepared to accommodate. Please RSVP at least one week prior to the meeting that students will be attending: Patricia Clifford at patricia.clifford@ky.gov

Joint Statement on Delegation

NCSBN and the American Nurses Association have issued a joint statement on delegation designed to reinforce that delegation is an essential nursing skill and to support the practicing nurse in delegating safely and effectively. The statement can be accessed at:

http://www.ncsbn.org/pdfs/Joint_statement.pdf

Who is Considered Clinical Faculty?

A question that is raised from time to time relates to who is considered Nurse Faculty vs. Clinical Faculty. First, let's look at the definition of each within the regulations:

"Clinical instructor" means a registered nurse who meets standards and is appointed by the governing institution of the program of nursing to assist nurse faculty in the supervision, teaching and evaluation of students in the clinical practice settings.

"Nurse faculty" means a registered nurse who meets standards and is appointed by the governing institution of the program of nursing for the purposes of teaching, guidance and evaluation of prelicensure nursing students.

The first hurdle to get over is what title you use at your institution for the individual or who pays them. The question is what are the duties of the individual with respect to instruction and students? If the individual teaches in the classroom, they are considered to be faculty, irrespective to their employment status of either full-time or part-time.

If the person participates in clinical activities with students, either on or off campus, they are considered to be a clinical instructor. This includes any instruction of students during time that has been designated as "clinical." This can occur in either a campus lab or at a clinical agency. The clinical instructor could be with one student or the maximum of ten.

Contact Information for Programs of Nursing

Included is a current listing of all programs of nursing, by type, for the state. This is very hard to keep up with; please look over and e-mail Lila if you have changes.

Role Delineation Course

RN programs, don't forget that Kentucky enacted legislation that allows graduates of an RN program that have been unsuccessful on NCLEX to complete a Role Delineation Course and then be eligible to sit for the NCLEX-PN. The course is available through Madisonville Community & Technical College. Information is included that can be provided to graduates who may be interested. An important thing to tell them is that they never give up their right to re-take the NCLEX-RN.

Incentive Scholarship

A number of questions have been asked about the Incentive Scholarship program so I thought it might be time for a refresher. The applications for the scholarship program have continued to grow each year. For the 2005-2006 academic year, there were a total of **728** applications: 27 students continued with their awards with 87 new awardees. You can see that the competition is strong to receive a scholarship.

The criteria for selection of the scholarship are found within the regulation: **201 KAR 20:390. Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund.**

Application

To be eligible for a nursing incentive scholarship, an applicant shall:

- (a) Be a Kentucky resident; and
- (b) Have been **accepted** for admission to a program of nursing.
- (c) An applicant shall submit a completed "Nursing Incentive Scholarship Application" between January 1 and June 1 to apply for a scholarship for the following academic year.
- (d) An applicant shall attach to the application a copy of the Student Aid Report from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the current year, if requesting preference for financial need.

Criteria for Awards

Each application that is received is reviewed and points assigned based on the information provided. The following criteria and point assignment is used in evaluating an application:

(1) Preference categories as specified in KRS 314.025(2):

- (a) Licensed practical nurses, twenty-five (25) points;
- (b) Registered nurses pursuing graduate nursing education, twenty-five (25) points; and
- (c) Financially-needy Kentucky residents, forty (40) points. Financial need shall be determined by the annual FAFSA Pell Grant Indicator of Eligibility for Financial Aid.

(2) Potential for academic success, as follows: high school, vocational school, college or university grade point average for whichever institution the applicant most recently attended:

- (a) Three and five-tenths (3.5) to four (4.0), twenty-five (25) points;
- (b) Three (3) to three and four-tenths (3.4), twenty (20) points; and
- (c) Two and five-tenths (2.5) to two and nine-tenths (2.9), fifteen (15) points.

(3) Previous health care experience, either paid or volunteer, shall be equal to five (5) points for each year in which service is validated, to a maximum of ten (10) points.

Continuation of Award

In the award letter sent to the recipients, the actions that need to be taken is delineated. Scholarship recipients may be eligible to receive continued awards if successful academic progression is maintained throughout the nursing program and they submit an application for continuation. KBN also communicates directly with the programs of nursing to ensure that the student is still enrolled in the program. The student ***must*** submit an application each year that they want to continue to receive funds.